IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE AT KNOXVILLE

ALBERTA LOUISE PERRY, surviving spouse and next kin of VINCENT MCKINNEY, deceased,

Plaintiff,

v. No. $\frac{3:22\text{-cv-}00132\text{-KAC-JEM}}{\text{JURY DEMAND}}$

NUCOR INSULATED PANEL GROUP, INC, d/b/a METL-SPAN,

Defendants.	
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PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

Plaintiff, Alberta Louise Perry, surviving spouse and next kin of Vincent McKinney, deceased, by and through her undersigned counsel, hereby moves this Court for an Order Consolidating Case No. <u>3:21-cv-00414</u> with Case No. <u>3:22-cv-00132</u>. As grounds, Plaintiff shows to the Court the following:

- 1. In Case No. <u>3:21-cv-00414</u>, Defendant Jenkins & Stiles, LLC identified Metl-Span as a potential defendant in its Answer to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint (Case No. 3:21-cv-00414, D.E. 15).
- 2. Plaintiff filed a Second Amended Complaint in that case naming NCI Group, Inc., d/b/a Metl-Span ("NCI Group") as a defendant (Case No. 3:21-cv-00414, D.E. 29).
- 3. In a March 29, 2022 email from Counsel for Nucor Insulated Panel Group, Inc. ("Nucor"), attached hereto as Exhibit "A", Plaintiff's Counsel was informed Nucor purchased the Metl-Span business line and brand from NCI Group in 2021.

4. On April 13, 2022, Plaintiff filed a new action pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §

20-1-119 ("Savings Statute") against Nucor. The claims against Nucor involve

allegations of wrongful death brought by Plaintiff and arise from the same occurrence

as in Case No. 3:21-cv-00414.

5. Under Fed.R.Civ.P. 42, where actions before a court, "involve a common

question of law or fact, the court may: (1) join for hearing or trial any or all matters

at issue in the actions; (2) consolidate the action." Here, it is submitted it is in the

interests of judicial economy and all parties will benefit from a single, consolidated

case for scheduling, discovery and should relieve witnesses of the need to attend

multiple depositions. Consolidation of the cases for discovery and pre-trial

proceedings will decrease the burdens on the parties and witnesses, reduce expenses,

and promote judicial economy.

Wherefore, Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court enter an order

consolidating Case No. 3:22-cv-00132 with Case No. 3:21-cv-00414.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via the Court's ECF filing system to the following:

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On May 16, 2022.

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